

U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Barracks
(U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Marine Barracks Complex)
(Building No. 278)
Russell Way, at corner of Neville Way
Pearl Harbor
Honolulu County
Hawaii

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY

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Location: The Marine Barracks Complex is located in the southern portion of the historic Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

The Marine Barracks Complex is bounded on the northeast by Central Avenue, on the north by Avenue E, on the east by Ninth Street, on the southeast by South Avenue, and on the southwest by Seventh Street. Building 278 is located between Russell Way and Fuller Way, at the corner of Neville Way.

USGS Pearl Harbor Quadrangle, Hawaii
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates
4.607960.2361260 (scale - 1:24,000)

Significance: The U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1964. The first buildings at the Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor (Officer's Quarters and the Marine Barracks Building-now Puller Hall) were constructed in 1914 as part of the initial permanent post, making this complex the oldest Marine Garrison in Hawaii. The wooden barracks and galley buildings (Buildings 277 to 281, 285 to 287) of the Marine Barracks were constructed as part of the World War II buildup of the base, making the period of significance World War II. The Marine Barracks district is associated with an "event that has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Hawaii's history" (as part of the oldest Marine garrison and second largest Marine Barracks in Hawaii). Additionally, the structures embody "the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction." Although the structures have received minor alterations, the district's basic integrity has not been impaired. The structures in the Marine Barracks Complex form a distinct and historically significant district, and have played a major role in the operation of the Pearl Harbor Naval Base.

Description: Building No. 278 is a two-story H-shaped wood structure, 100 feet long and wide. For additional description of the original construction, see HABS No. HI-176.

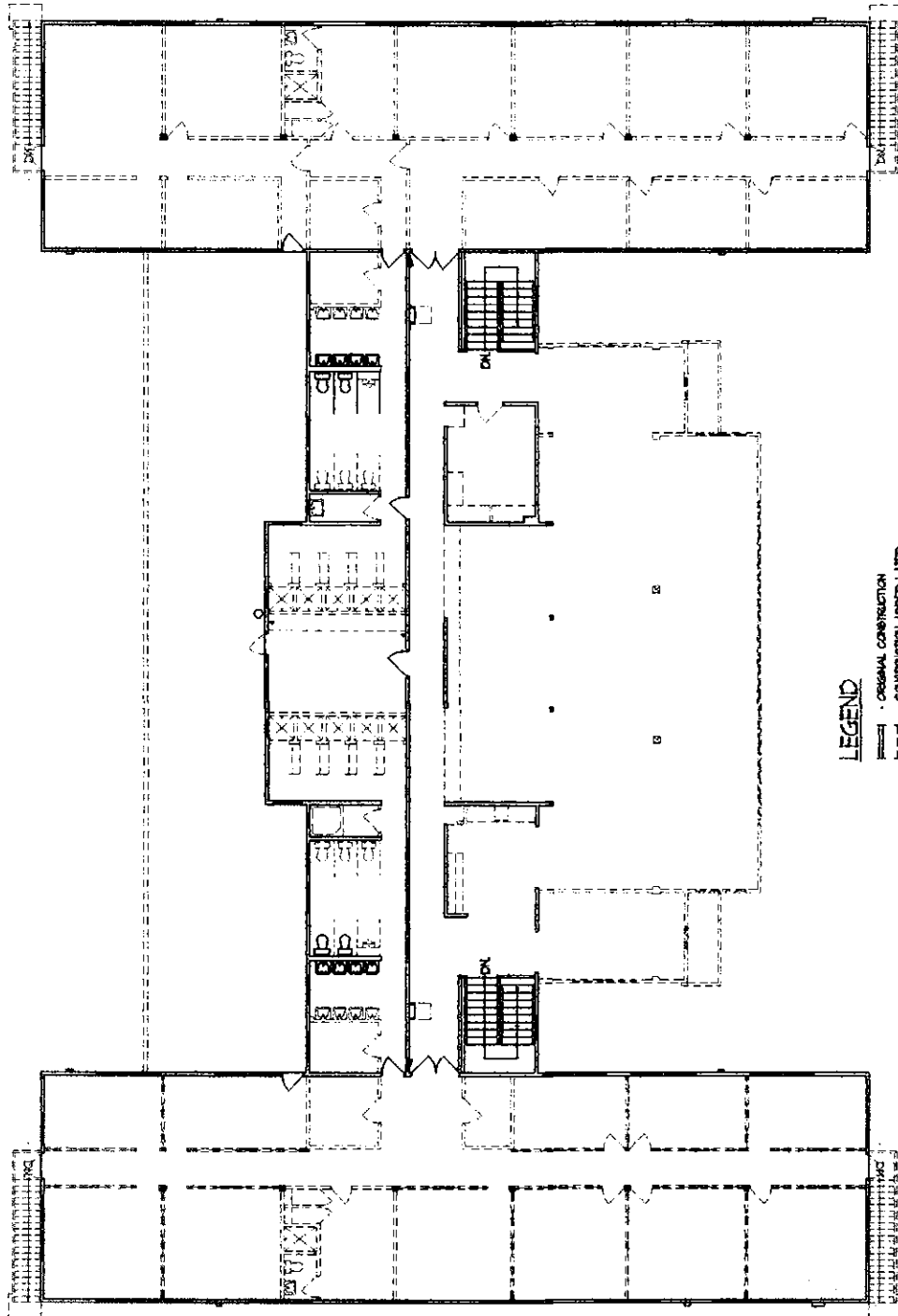
In 1951 Building 278 was converted into Quarters for Women Marines. The open dormitories were divided into smaller semi-private rooms, the bathrooms renovated, a laundry area added on the back of the first floor central section, and a two-story "Date Room" was constructed in the front central portion of the building. This addition is 77 feet wide and 27 feet deep. A laundry area addition on the rear side of the building extends an additional 15 feet to the rear of the central section.

History: See HABS No. HI-176 for a history of Pearl Harbor and the Marine Barracks Complex.

Sources: See HABS No. HI-176.

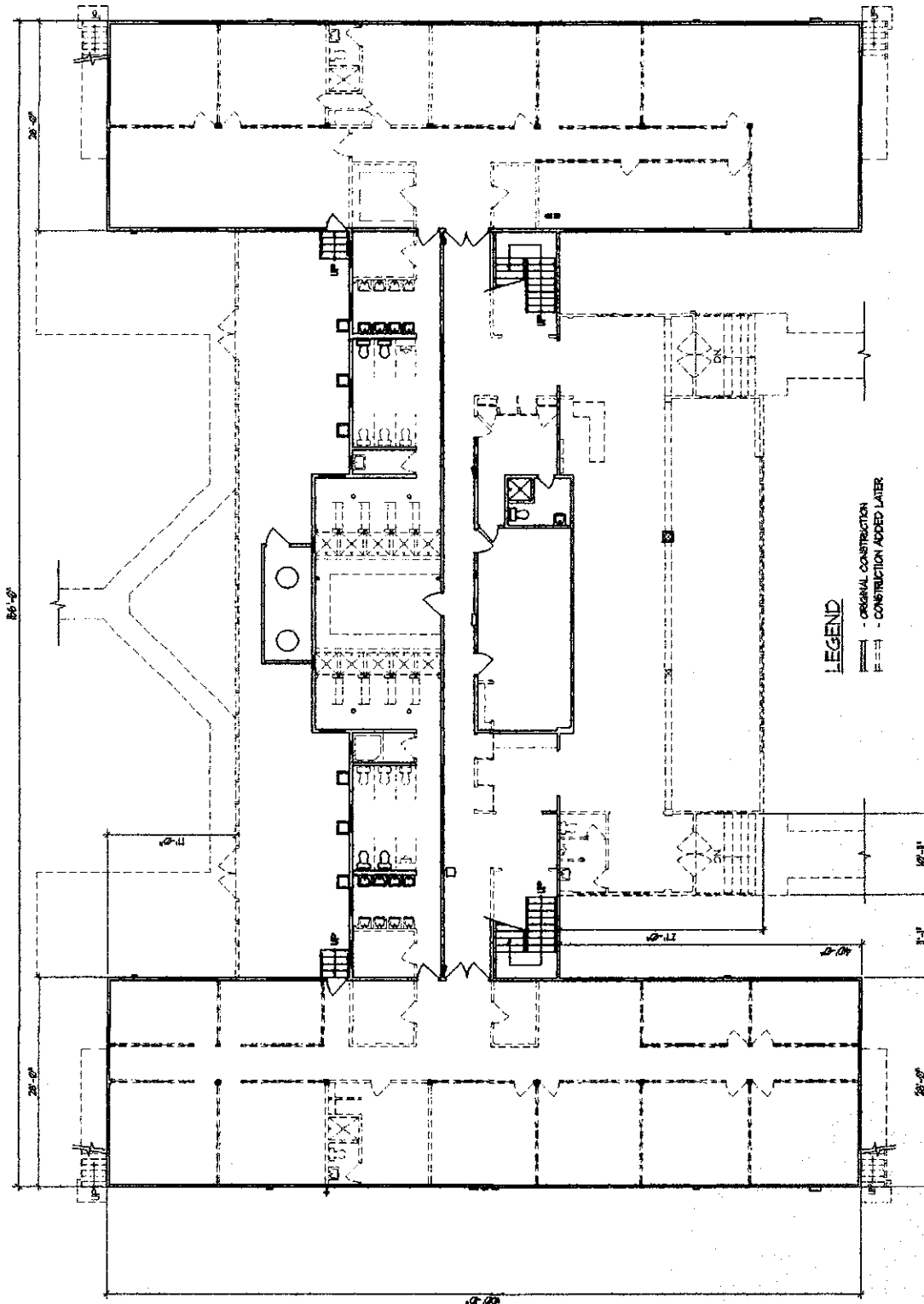
Historian: Katharine Bouthillier, Spencer Mason Architects, 1994.

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